

The  
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# BREAKING THE SILENCE

*A publication of The Children's Assessment Center, a safe place serving Harris County's sexually abused children.*

The mission of The Children's Assessment Center is to provide a professional, compassionate and coordinated approach to the treatment of sexually abused children and their families and to serve as an advocate for all children in our community.

## 6th Annual Polo Italia & Risotto Festival

*Was an exhilarating mix of delicious risottos, polo competition, fun for the kids and support of The CAC!*



*Linda and Jay Comeaux, 2005 Polo & Risotto Festival Honorees, recognized for their outstanding contributions to The CAC.*

Fast horses, powerful polo players and a culinary competition featuring Houston's hottest chefs all made for a record-setting event at the 6th Annual Polo Italia and Risotto Festival benefiting The Children's Assessment Center (The CAC). The family-oriented event kicked off with a risotto competition, while guests enjoyed tasty antipasto treats with award-winning wines. Little ones meanwhile enjoyed the Kids' Carnivale. A stylish silent auction and a rockin' live band completed the attractions that meant this Polo/Risotto Festival would become the first ever to be sold out! The benefit hosted by The Houston Polo Club honored Jay and Linda Comeaux for their many contributions to The CAC.

In addition to leading the sold-out festival, co-chairs Tami and Lee Pearson and Alicia and Lance Smith can also point proudly to the final tally, netting more than \$150,000 for The Children's Assessment Center. "We believe so much in the work of The CAC, and we're thrilled to be part of such a successful event," said co-chair Tami Pearson.

World-renowned Chef, Philippe Schmit of Hotel Derek's bistro moderne won the risotto competition. First runner-up went to Ricky Cruz of the Grotto Ristorante, while second place went to Mark Holley of Pesce. Audience Choice Awards for best antipasto went to Bistro Lancaster and La Griglia.

Also competing in the risotto festival were Aries, Carmelo's Italian Restaurant, Daily Review Café, Gravitas, Inn at Dos Brisas, Magnolia Hotel, Mockingbird Bistro and Olivette at The Houstonian. Wines were made available courtesy of Palm Bay Imports. Live band Fried Ice Cream gave polo patrons plenty of reasons to dance throughout the day.

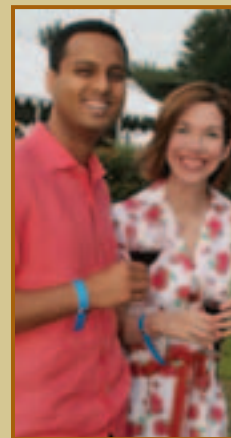
An exciting Italia-style polo match ended with Yuma Petroleum edging Moody Rambin 8-6. Guests were entertained at a pre-polo reception as the chefs prepared the scrumptious risotto entries. Bids were placed at the silent auction as wine and noncompetition risottos were sampled. The Kids' Carnivale featured games, face-painting and jousting to complete the family-friendly atmosphere.

Once again, Moody Rambin Interests reigned as the Sport of Kings Sponsor. Moody Rambin has generously supported this event and The CAC for the last four years. Other sponsors included Susan & Michael Plank, Innovative Legal Solutions, Everyones Internet, Inc., Weingarten Realty, Houston's WB 39 and many others.

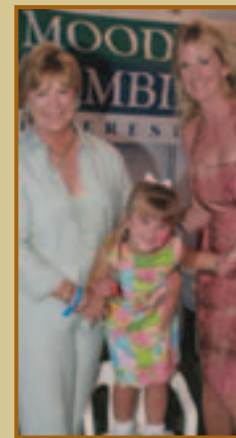
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*Three young ladies play Miss America as they wave to the crowd from the back of a Ferrari.*



*The "Buzz Lady" Roseann Rogers from KPRC Channel 2 with husband Dr. Aashish Shah.*



*Mary Austin Moody with granddaughter Makell.*



*1st place goes to Yuma Petroleum. Sam Banks, Randall Grace, Shane Rice and Eric and Cristi Tabanou.*



*World-renowned Executive Chef, Philippe Schmit of bistro moderne was this year's winner of the risotto competition. Pictured with Chef Schmit are: Doug Oldani, Tami Pearson, Tracy Nowak, Jose Hernandez and Alicia Smith.*



# Hello Everyone,



When we look at recent statistics regarding child sexual abuse, we can't help but be saddened and truly in shock.

The Children's Assessment Center is taking proactive measures to help reduce these statistics in our community. We continue to educate teachers, counselors and civic organizations on the issue of child sexual abuse.

This theme was echoed this past October when The CAC Foundation Board of Directors hosted the National Children's Alliance Board of Directors for a dinner reception and informative discussion on how we can all continue to protect children across the country.

Having these two very impressive boards meet and exchange information was inspirational. I am so proud of the work they do and their commitment to making a difference in the lives of abused children. It was very beneficial for colleagues from across the country to meet and exchange thoughts and ideas on how to improve the system and share new initiatives being implemented in their states.

Please mark your calendars for April, Child Abuse Prevention Month. Lauren Lanning, Miss Texas USA 2006, is The CAC's official spokesperson. During the month of April The CAC will be offering Saturday classes to children and adults on the prevention and awareness of child abuse. Our theme is "Empowering Children to Protect Themselves". This prevention program has been generously underwritten by Stanford Group Company.

Please join us in making a difference in the lives of children!

## Training events throughout Child Abuse Prevention Month include:

- Dynamics of Sexual Abuse
- Understanding Sex Offenders
- Internet Safety for Children & Parents
- Kick Start and How to Stay Safe
- P.S. It's My Body (safety curriculum)
- We Help Ourselves (WHO) Puppet Show

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 in 5 children are solicited sexually while on the Internet.</li> <li>• The median age for reported abuse is 9 years old.</li> <li>• Over 30% of victims never disclose the experience to anyone.</li> <li>• 30-40% of victims are abused by a family member.</li> <li>• Another 50% are abused by someone outside of the family whom they know and trust.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 40% are abused by older or larger children whom they know.</li> <li>• Therefore, only 5-10% are abused by strangers.</li> <li>• Over 75% of serial rapists report they were sexually abused as youngsters.</li> <li>• Nearly 70% of child sex offenders have between 1 and 9 victims.</li> <li>• At least 20% of child sex offenders have 10 to 40 victims.</li> </ul> |
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Take care,  
**Elaine Stolte, Executive Director**  
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Members of the National Children's Alliance Board of Directors stop for a group photo as they tour The CAC.



NCA Executive Director Nancy Chandler focuses on collaboration during her speech to fellow NCA and CAC Boards Members.



Karen Kennard gives a tour to CAC Board Member Chester Jones and Nancy Chandler.



NCA Board President Edward Suk speaks to child welfare issues.



Congressman Ted Poe discusses his unique perspective as a member of the NCA and CAC Boards, as well as advocacy efforts in Washington.



## Deep in the Hearts of Texans 3rd Annual Celebrity Auction

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*Anne Carl and Makell Moody enjoy a tender moment.*



*CAC Executive Director Elaine Stolte with all three of her daughters, Tashi, Tijana and Anjelaka.*



*Festival revelers include Spurgeon and Kim Robinson, Mike Roberts, Karen Dumas and CAC Board Member Ramon Manning.*



*Co-Chairs Lance and Alicia Smith and Lee and Tami Pearson are presented with awards for their record breaking success in this year's event. Also pictured is CAC Development Director Susan Williams.*

## 6th Annual Polo Italia & Risotto Festival



*Executive Chef Philippe Schmit, of bistro moderne keeps the secret for his award-winning recipe.*



*Accepting an award for 2nd Place in the Polo Italia competition from Mary Austin Moody is Kristy Outhier & daughter, Madison.*



*Chris DeClaire and Laurie Emmette seek out risotto samples on their way to the polo field.*



# A Swinging Good Time at the 13th Annual Van Chancellor Golf Classic



Former Houston Rocket and Hall of Fame Guard Clyde Drexler poses with Fred Lausen and Tournament Chair Peppi Lausen.



Former CAC Board Member Allen Pinkett, current Board Member Rachel Bristow and Chris DeClaire.

**WILDCAT**  
GOLF CLUB



CAC Event Coordinator Lisa L. Bourgoyne, Coach Van Chancellor and Development Director Susan K. Williams pause from all the excitement as the tournament gets ready to begin.



Blue Cross Blue Shield team led by Coach Chancellor accepts 1st Place.

It was a swingin' good time with Coach Chancellor at the 13th Annual Van Chancellor Golf Classic held at Wildcat Golf Club October 27th. Sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBS), and honoring Spindletop Charities, Inc., this year's tournament featured gorgeous weather, competitive teams, a silent auction and a delicious catfish dinner courtesy of Brad Bailey & Sudie's Catfish & Seafood House.

The 2005 Coach's "Classic" brought in more than \$93,000 to support programs of The Children's Assessment Center. "It's exciting to know that Blue Cross and Blue Shield helped to break a record we set last year in support of this event," said BCBS spokesman Mark Lane. This year marks the fourth consecutive year Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas has sponsored the event. Celebrities among the foursomes included former Houston Rocket Clyde Drexler, former Houston Oiler/Seattle Seahawk Alonzo Highsmith former Seattle Seahawk Donovan Campbell and Coach Van Chancellor.

Keeping everyone hopping was Tournament Chairperson Peppi Lausen, who stayed busy on and off the golf course, directing volunteers, thanking sponsors and leading one of our many teams through the tournament. Lausen, Janet DuPré, George McLellan and Suzie Boone worked closely with CAC Board Members and staff to make this year's tournament a huge success. Says Lausen, "I can't think of a better way

to spend a day than raising money and awareness to help children and families devastated by sexual abuse."

While BCBS of Texas served as primary sponsor, The CAC also owes a big thank you to Leslie L. Alexander and The Houston Rockets, The John P. McGovern Foundation, Stanford Group Company and The Clerkley Watkins Group. Also making contributions were St. Luke's Episcopal Health Systems, Benefit Resources, Wildcat Golf Course, Houston's WB 39, Sports 610 KILT and all those who sponsored one of the 18 holes or provided amazing prizes for the raffle and silent auction.

"We were thrilled to have Van Chancellor, Coach of the WNBA Houston Comets, lead our tournament" says CAC Executive Director, Elaine Stolte. "Coach Chancellor is an excellent spokesperson towards our efforts to prevent and raise awareness of child sexual abuse." While coaching the Comets, Chancellor has led the team to four WNBA titles. He also led the U.S.

Women's Basketball Team to an Olympic Gold Medal in Athens, Greece.

After filling up on catfish, winners were announced and prizes awarded. Coach Chancellor gave an emotional and compelling speech in support of CAC programs, ensuring the live-auction items went for top dollar. The one question on everyone's mind as they left Wildcat... "What's the tee time for next year?"



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# Keller Williams Cares

## *"The Growing Garden"*



CAC Development Director Susan K. Williams, Holly Whitney of Wells Fargo, artist Debra Row and KW Cares Tournament Chair David Mack pose with original art created by Ms. Row.

out of every four girls and one of every seven boys will be sexually abused by the time they're eighteen."

As if holding a golf tournament weren't enough, Keller Williams also raised awareness through the artwork of Realtor Debra Row. During the awards presentation, Row made the point that "we may be growing contributions, but we're also growing hope for sexually abused children." The original work, titled "The Growing Garden," shows a child watering flowers outside The Children's Assessment Center.

Tournament winners were:

- Marsh Course – Doug Erdy, Manford Quentel, Don Henderson, Mario Camerotto
- Forest Course – Greg Mata, Ricky Dixon, Scott Bryant, Steve Ubernosky
- Keller Williams Challenge Cup – The Woodlands Office: Randy Verploeg, Eric Depoy, O.J. Bobeck, Mark Heinrich

The winning teams each received framed golf art provided by Golf Plus Gifts and sponsored by Sprint.



David and Denise Mack take a break from a hard day on the course, with Moreen and Bill Dieden.



Wells Fargo volunteers, including Holly Whitney pose with the famous "Stage Coach".

Proving that KW Cares is far more than a logo, tournament chair David Mack and a team of Keller Williams real estate professionals raised \$35,000 on behalf of The Children's Assessment Center (CAC) at the 3rd Annual KW Cares Golf Classic on October 28th. Sponsored by Wells Fargo, the tournament was delayed a few weeks (courtesy of Hurricane Rita) giving the committee the opportunity to double the amount raised at previous KW Classics.

An Indian summer made for a gorgeous day as more than 200 golfers took to the links at the Clubs of Kingwood courses. Keller Williams Realty Northeast (co-owned by Mark Heinrich and Judy Hopkins) did excellent work to coordinate and promote the tournament. "The tournament was a huge success, thanks to our Golf Committee, our sponsors and of course Denise and David Mack," said Heinrich.

According to the Macks, raising money was only part of the goal. "We wanted to help The CAC raise funds, but more importantly, we wanted to raise awareness about sexual abuse of kids," said Denise. "I was astounded to learn that one

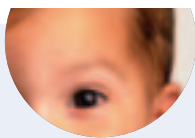


Mark Heinrich, owner of Keller Williams Northeast poses with two of his teammates after winning the Keller Williams Challenge Cup.



Tournament Chair David Mack and Auction Chair Denise Mack with their Children's Art Award given by The CAC.





# HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## *Making Holiday Wishes Come True for CAC Kids*

Each year, a few days after Thanksgiving, when the holiday frenzy begins in earnest, the Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) arrives at the doorstep of The Children's Assessment Center with a truckload of toys... literally! This year was no different, except that 2005 marks the 10th time in 10 years the Sheriff and his Deputies have transformed into Santa and his Elves, driving an 18-wheeled "sleigh" full of bikes, dolls and enough stuffed animals to fill the zoo!!

A friendly media group captured everything on camera as Sheriff Tommy Thomas and more than a dozen deputies unloaded the bountiful bonanza into the waiting arms of smiling staff and volunteers. Delivering comments to waiting reporters were Sheriff Thomas, CAC Executive Director Elaine Stolte, Captain Robert Van Pelt, Dr. Sofia Beltran and Lisa Baldwin-Andrews.

Once again, the Sheriff's Department "adopted" the wish lists of 500 CAC children, delivering a dazzling array of gifts, including CD players, videos, DVDs, board-games, action figures, art supplies and bicycles for every age.

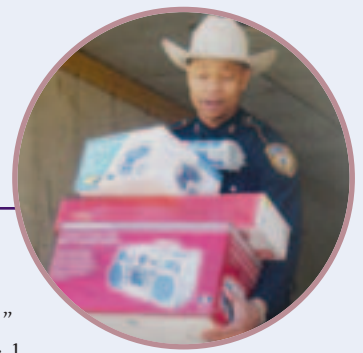
Spirits were high all around as toys were brought into the halls, up the stairs and into the 3rd floor meeting rooms, which served as a makeshift Santa's Workshop during The CAC holiday gift drive. While the delivery

families and organizations throughout the community.

"Their generosity has been amazing," said Elaine Stolte. "Making holiday wishes come true for so many children would be impossible without help from the Sheriff's Office, our partner agencies, as well as companies and individuals in the community."

Special thanks go out to the hundreds of volunteers who donated time, money and energy to secure and sort gifts. And, making final delivery to all the eager tots, teens and "tweens," are the outstanding CPS caseworkers and supervisors whom we appreciate all year long!

As the holiday season comes to an end, the joy of giving is measured in the countless unseen smiles of children as they unwrap gifts made possible only by the Sheriff, his Deputies, members of the community and generous corporate assistance. This annual expression of love enables The CAC to continue its role of protecting and serving the children we see throughout the year. On behalf of all the children, we offer a very heartfelt thank you.



*Harris County Sheriff's Deputy Marcus Clay delivers one of the first toys into the waiting hands of CAC Volunteers.*



*HCSO Deputies make a toy-delivery "chain" allowing the toys to be unloaded in record time!*

is a culmination for the Sheriff's Office, for Lisa Baldwin-Andrews and her merry crew, it marks the "official" beginning of the most hectic time of their year as they work feverishly to match the lists of more than 1,700 CAC and CPS kids with businesses,



*Sheriff Tommy Thomas (back center) with HCSO Deputies and staff.*



*CAC Director of Therapy & Psychological Services Dr. Lawrence Thompson Jr. gives an assist to a Sheriff's Office Deputy.*



*Claudia Mullin & Diane Coello "tag-team" while helping out in line to unload holiday gifts.*



*Aimee McAndrew has her hands full.*



*Staff volunteers Lisa Holcomb and Tammy Urban bring carts filled with toys to The CAC's Santa Shop.*



*CAC Youth Services/Holiday Gift Coordinator Lisa Baldwin-Andrews rides one of the many donated bikes through the entrance to The CAC.*

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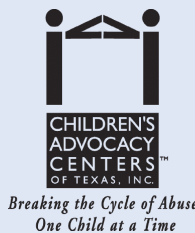


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